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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Erik Leonard Hoffman	)	Examiner: David C. Comstock
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Serial No.: 10/037,318	)	Art Unit: 3732
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Filed: November 7, 2001	)	
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Title: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN	)	
IMPLANT, IN PARTICULAR A HIP	)	
PROSTHESIS	)	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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This is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2005. Prior to examination, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.